

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure 1 is being presented as a new formal drawing sheet to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. Figure 1 has been amended to identify housing 13. Appended to this document is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheet which has been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheet of the drawing.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 9-16 and 25 were pending in this application. Claims 9 and 25 have been amended; claims 13-15 have been canceled; and new claims 26-39 have been added. Applicants submit claims 9-12, 16, and 25-39 for reconsideration.

Applicants present with this Amendment and Reply a replacement sheet for Figure 1. Figure 1 has been amended to identify housing 13, as described in paragraph [0025] of the specification.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicants have canceled claim 13. Accordingly, this rejection now is moot.

Claims 9-11, 13-16, and 25 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Steiner (USP 2,769,276). Claims 9 and 12 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Harris (USP 5,370,570). Applicants request withdrawal of these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claim 9 defines a non-motorized mobile “wherein the hanger attachment is provided with a socket ball, and the distal end of the support member has a socket to engage the socket ball.” Neither Steiner nor Harris teaches or suggests such a socket ball and socket arrangement. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 9, its previously presented dependent claims 10-12 and 16, and its new dependent claims 26-34 and 37 are not anticipated by Steiner or by Harris under 35 USC 102(b).

Claim 25 defines an object hanger “wherein the support member and the hanger are coupled together by a socket ball and socket arrangement.” As mentioned above, neither Steiner nor Harris teaches or suggests such a socket ball and socket arrangement. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 25 and its new dependent claims 35 and 36 are not anticipated by Steiner or by Harris under 35 USC 102(b).

Applicants have added new independent claims 38 and 39 to the application. New claim 38 defines a non-motorized mobile "wherein the hanger attachment is provided with a socket ball, and the distal end of the support member has a socket to engage the socket ball." New claim 39 defines an object hanger "wherein the support member and the hanger are coupled together by a socket ball and socket arrangement." Applicants submit that new claims 38 and 39 are patentable over the references relied upon in the Office Action.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 CFR 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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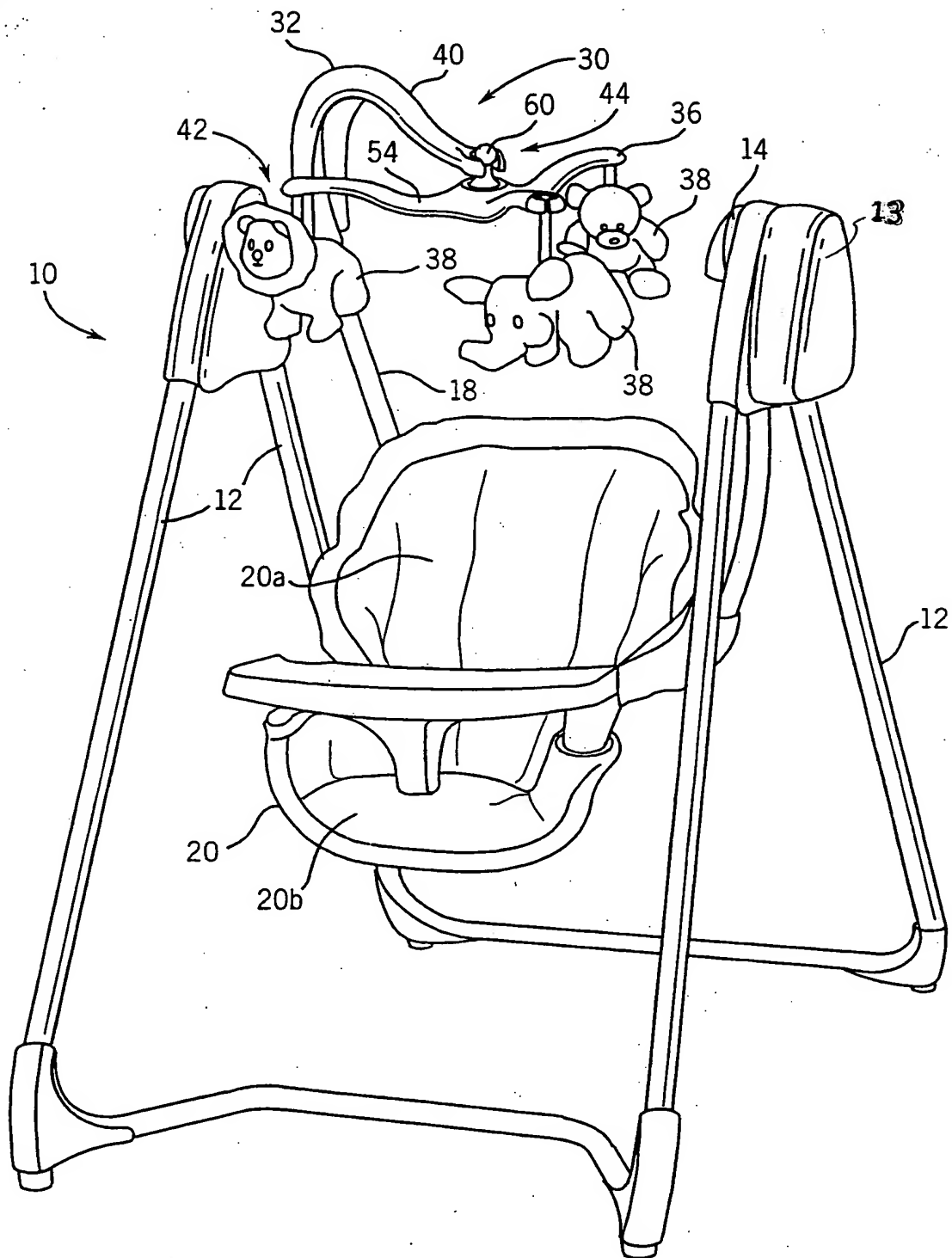


FIG. 1